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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of Klein *et al.*

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For: METHODS OF CREATING CONSTRUCTS USEFUL FOR INTRODUCING  
SEQUENCES INTO EMBRYONIC STEM CELLS

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
BOX PATENT APPLICATION  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested.

**In the Claims:**

Please add new claims 51-82 as follows:

51. (New) A nucleotide construct comprising a sequence encoding a positive selection marker flanked by restriction enzyme sites, said restriction enzyme sites flanked by a pair of ligation-independent cloning sites, wherein said construct when treated creates single-stranded regions, wherein a first region of a target gene and a second region of the target

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